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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/782,420 |
| Filing Date | 02/13/2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Gary A. Shangold |
| Group Art Unit | 1617 |
| Examiner Name | Russell S. Travers |
| Attorney Docket Number | ORT-1373 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other: Extension of Time

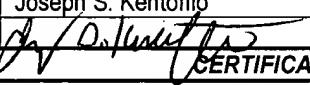
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other

3. Fees - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

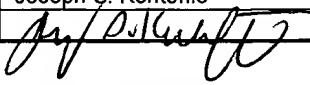
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.
 - i. RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

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After the Title but before the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

-- Cross-reference to Related Application

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-- This application is a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial Number 09/328,764, filed June 9, 1999, now US Patent No. 6, 214,815, which is hereby incorporated by reference. --